

# CONNECTED

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## Marietta Water and Sewer Maintains High Standards



The orientation of all businesses is anchored in a mission statement that reflects the ambition of the organization. The mission statement for your Marietta Water and Sewer department is, "We are committed to providing our customers with high quality water and sewer service while maintaining fiscal responsibility." It was with a great sense of pride that this department at the December Marietta Board of Lights & Water meeting received recognition. The Georgia Water and Pollution Control Association (GW&PCA) made an award for Outstanding Operation of a Water Distribution System in the category of 10,000 to 50,000 customers—Year 2001. The purpose of the award is to identify systems throughout the State of Georgia that are successfully delivering a supply of water to their customer base with maintenance of high standards.

Maintaining high standards is Marietta Water and Sewer's primary goal. It is often heard that Marietta has high quality water. Many factors contribute to this quality. Moreover, it is nice to see that an external body like GW&PCA has recognized this service. Yet, it is not time to sit back and expect that everything will continue to operate at peak performance. Your Water and Sewer department has embarked on a ten-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to provide a cost-effective way to improve system reliability, meet future system demands, and maintain compliance with Federal and State regulations. The CIP is based on computerized hydraulic models and extensive infrastructure condition assessments. The goals of the CIP are summarized as follows:

- Replace or rehabilitate deteriorated water and sewer pipes to improve system reliability.
- Upgrade water and sewer pipes to meet present and future demands.

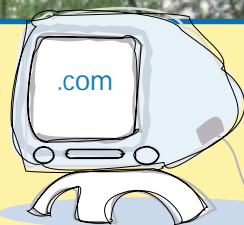
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## Plant a Tree for Arbor Day

J. Sterling Morton, a journalist and editor of Nebraska's first newspaper, first proposed a tree-planting holiday to be called "Arbor Day" at a meeting of the State Board of Agriculture on Jan. 4, 1872. During the 1870s, other states passed legislation to observe Arbor Day, and the tradition began in schools nationwide in 1882.

Anyone can celebrate Arbor Day (which falls on April 26 this year) by planting a tree: start a tree seed in a cup, or a seedling in a pot. If you have no place to set it out later, you can give it to someone who does and help them plant it.

"To exist as a nation, to prosper as a state, and to live as a people, we must have trees."  
—Theodore Roosevelt



- Over 200 million English-speaking people worldwide have internet access. That's 43 percent of the world's online population!
- Approximately 98 percent of the words in Webster's Dictionary have been registered as domain names.
- More than 32 million domains have been registered worldwide. Over 75 percent of those are .coms. Other domains include .edu, .gov, .net, .org, and co.uk.
- Domain names can contain up to 63 characters. The average length of a domain name, however, is 11 characters.

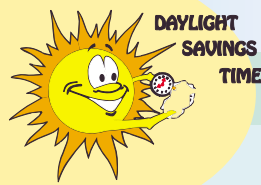
- Reduce the number of Sewer System Overflows to protect our environment.
- Continue to meet Federal and State mandated drinking water quality requirements.
- Comply with new Federal and State mandated sewer Capacity Management, Operation and Maintenance requirements.

Our ambition is to communicate to our customers the ambitions of your Water and Sewer department in maintaining high quality water service. We take pride in the strong sense of community that we share in Marietta and it is paramount to continue maintaining a record of performance as a "City of Excellence." Please let us know how these initiatives best serve you. ⚡

## Celebrating Earth Day

Earth Day is Monday, April 22. Founded by former U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson, the first **Earth Day** celebration took place in 1970. Nelson, with the help of Denis Hayes, the national **Earth Day** coordinator, organized a massive nation-wide environmental protest. This led to the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water, and Endangered Species acts.

Visit [www.earthday.net](http://www.earthday.net) for information on **Earth Day** and the events, projects, and celebrations planned to celebrate this holiday. ⚡



## Spring Forward into Daylight Savings Time!

Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 a.m. on Sunday, April 7. Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour! ⚡

## March/April 2002 Calendar of Events

### March 31

*Cobb County Annual Easter Egg Hunt*

Jim R. Miller Park

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Call for information.

770-528-8853

### Through April 28

*"The Importance of Being Earnest" by Oscar Wilde*

Theatre in the Square

Tuesday-Saturday 8 p.m.,

Sunday 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Admission.

Call for tickets & information.

770-422-8369

### April 6-27

*"Treasure Island," presented by the Little General Players*

Little General/Cobb

Community Playhouse

Saturdays 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Admission.

Call for information.

770-565-3995

### April 10

*Community Blood Drive*

WellStar Administrative

Building, Marietta

9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Call for information.

770-792-7600

### April 26

*Glover Park Concert Series*

Marietta Square

8 p.m.

Call for information.

770-794-5601

### April 27-28

*Remembrances with the Georgia Ballet*

Anderson Theatre

Saturday 8 p.m. and

Sunday 3 p.m.

Admission.

Call for information.

770-528-8490

### April 28

*Taste of Marietta*

Glover Park

11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Concert 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

Call for information.

770-429-1115